

Trident Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

Membership Meeting Minutes

05/15/2023



President – Glenn Stephens, WA4NMW – Welcome

Vice President – Steve Anderjack, KO4AFL – no report

Treasurer – Jim Self, KW4PW – Bank balance is \$6716

Secretary – Stephen Behr, K4OPZ – no report

Board Member at Large – Timothy (TW) Kirkpatrick KF4CQH – no report

Board Member at Large – Dave Merritts AE4ZR – Museum ships at the boat yard

Membership – Ron Davis, K4TCP – There are 95 paid members.

Testing – Ron Davis K4TCP/ Steve Anderjack KO4AFL – Testing this Wednesday at the Hanahan Library.

Programs – Jim Wallace KO4PGH – The May program will be on the VOA relay site in NC. If you have a program suggestion let Jim know about it.

QSL manager – Jim Wasson, KO4MNB – absent

Repeaters – Bryce Myers, K4LXF – Dorchester County has taken down the antennas from the tower that hosted the 147.270 repeater.

Fund Raising – Jim Self KW4PW – Baofeng UV5R HT for the May meeting. Special thanks to Mike KJ4TAC for help in selling the Icom raffle tickets. The club made a profit of \$1220 on the Icom raffle ticket sales.

Properties – TW Kirkpatrick KF4CQH – Steve KO4AFL has been documenting new equipment serial numbers as items are installed in the MHRS.

Grant Project Manager – Jim Wasson, KO4MNB – absent

Call to order: 1900 at the Red Cross building in North Charleston

OLD BUSINESS:

Spring work day is set for 20 May beginning at 9 AM at the Glenn Stephens' field. We will inventory the old trailer, then set up and test current club antennas with the new radios, test the audio system, and MHRS. There will not be a port-a-potty that day. Jim KO4MNB is the point of contact.

Museum ships weekend is 3 & 4 June; David AE4ZR is the POC. We will set up at the Cooper River Boatyard for the weekend's operations in the same location as past years. The wharf is filled with boats; one station will be setup just inside the fence and a second near the Cooper River. The yard manager will program one phone the week prior to open and close the gate.

Summer Field Day (SFD), 24 and 25 June 2023. Jim KO4PGH has agreed to take the lead on organizing SFD. TW KF4CQH will assist Jim. The SFD rules have been published by ARRL. We will operate three stations for the event this year, with Greg Mitchell KB1AWM bringing his trailer and radios for the third station (CW and maybe digital). Setup will be Saturday morning about 11:00 AM, on the air beginning at 14:00 PM until around noon on Sunday. The location will be the open field just past Glenn Stephens house will be the field day site. Sign up will be on-line for: setup Saturday, operators and loggers (various times each day) and tear down Sunday.

Constitution and Bylaws Review committee report. Ron K4TCP reported that editing of the scanned original document is still in progress to correct formatting issues.

The club tri-fold pamphlet revision is nearing completion. Helen KJ4UGF forwarded the document to Glenn for formatting, Ron K4TCP will convert the document to publisher format before it is sent out for printing.

Mobile Ham Radio Station update: The trailer is 90 per cent complete. The new batteries have been installed, one was damaged in shipping and will be replaced. The generators have been tested; the inverter controller allows operation of the air conditioner with only one generator running. Steve KO4AFL is still working to procure a quote for trailer theft and damage insurance.

TW Kirkpatrick KF4CQH has stepped forward to take on the properties lead.

STEM Education Day during week long camp in June. The organizer has us participating on June 22 or 23 at the ECPI campus in North Charleston. We will invite those attendees to visit us during Summer Field Day. Several folks will be needed to setup antennas and run radios for this event.

Jim KO4MNB and Steve K4OPZ will return to St. John Catholic School in North Charleston during their 'field day' on 19 May with the MHRS and give ham radio demos to students.

The club will take the MHRS to the Cynthia Graham Hurd/St Andrews Library for their community day on 17 June. We need help to set up antennas and run radios in the MHRS 11:00am to 3:00pm.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lee Hill WA5YZB reached out to the club; he has equipment and radio tower that he is trying to sell for an old Ham and a friend. He can be reached at 843-270-0608 or email: kh1106@comcast.net. TW reports that most of the gear is old and we should avoid trying to sell it. TW did report he had three sections of a tower that is usable.

Glenn was approached by the 'West Ashley Repeater group' (John 'Archie' Durland K4IUG and Joseph Lane K4LTF) who are interested in using the old Adams Run repeater frequency (147.345) and our duplexer from us for a new repeater on at the 335-foot level of the new Charleston County tower at Adams Run. They are currently working to obtain permits from the county for the new repeater. They have lined up the cable needed for installation and a repeater controller. Bryce will inquire if they would like to be linked into the network.

Ron K4TCP brought up the possible return of a tailgate at the Masonic lodge in Goose Creek. Ron K4TCP will take this as an action item and determine possible location, date and time.

Adjourned: 1940

Raffle: Baofeng UV5R was won by Chris Benoit KC4NW.

Program: Gordon Mooneyhan W4EGM on his visit to the VOA transmitter/relay site near Greenville, NC.